

PATENT

IN THE UNITED ST PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Customer Number: 20277

Ryosuke USUI

Confirmation Number: 9980

Application No.: 10/784,268

Group Art Unit: 2811

Filed: February 24, 2004

Examiner: H. Pham

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action dated March 23,2 005, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, requiring election of either:

Group I. Claims 1 and 2 directed to a semiconductor device; or

Group II. Claims 3 and 9 directed to a method.

In response Applicant elect to prosecute claims 1 and 2 (Group I) directed to a semiconductor device. Favorable consideration of claims 1 and 2 is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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